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PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, JUNE, 1949.

This bulletin has been prepared from preliminary tabulations, made available each month by the Commonwealth Statistician, of unemployed persons in Queensland who were in receipt of Commonwealth unemployment benefit at the end of June, 1949. The information covers only those persons actually in receipt of unemployment benefit, no account being taken of those whose applications for benefit were awaiting consideration or those who did not apply for benefit. The figures given, therefore, are only a part of total unemployment, although the proportions due to the various causes and in the various industries are broadly applicable to the total. Persons receiving sickness or special benefits are also excluded. Details for districts by causes and industries in which last employed are given in the attached tables.

Comparison with Previous Months.

June 1949 figures of persons in receipt of unemployment benefit were 587 males and 61 females, the total of 648 being 525, or 45 per cent., below the corresponding figure for the previous June.

<u>End of Month.</u>		<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>1947.</u>							
July ..	..	2,747	113	2,860	718	67	785
August ..	..	2,089	97	2,186	702	64	766
September ..	..	1,912	87	1,999	640	67	707
October ..	..	1,827	80	1,907	700	62	762
November ..	..	1,664	70	1,734	793	67	860
December ..	..	2,245	69	2,314	1,205	58	1,263
<u>1948.</u>							
January ..	..	3,094	73	3,167	1,668	46	1,714
February ..	..	5,603	223	5,826	1,980	52	2,032
March ..	..	6,055	310	6,365	1,987	55	2,042
April ..	..	2,669	110	2,779	1,493	62	1,555
May ..	..	1,559	89	1,648	749	62	811
June ..	..	1,102	71	1,173	587	61	648
<u>1949.</u>							

The re-absorption by seasonal industries of temporarily displaced workers continued during June, particularly in the Mackay district, and accounted for the greater part of the month's total decrease of 163 (20 per cent.) in the number receiving benefit to the lowest level reached since these figures first became available in October, 1946.

Causes of unemployment are given on the next page for the months of June, 1948, and May and June, 1949, together with the decrease during the twelve months ended June, 1949, for each cause.

Compared with May, six of the eleven causes showed smaller numbers, the main decreases being in "Seasonal Work and Weather Conditions" (126), "Quitted because Work Too Heavy, Medically Unfit, etc." (20), "Casual Work" (15), and "Establishment Closed, Reduction of Staff" (13).

Compared with figures of a year earlier (June, 1948), all causes showed decreases, the chief of which were in "Casual Work" (99), "Discharged or Laid-off for Other Reasons" (99), "Seasonal Work and Weather Conditions" (92), "Shortage of Materials" (75), and "Establishment Closed, Reduction of Staff" (75).

<u>Cause of Unemployment.</u>	<u>June, 1948.</u>	<u>May, 1949.</u>	<u>June, 1949.</u>	<u>Decrease June, 1948, to June, 1949.</u>
Medical unfitness for particular type of work, work too heavy, etc.	9	3	5	4
Inefficiency, incompetence ..	19	14	14	5
Establishment closed, reduction of staff, permanent retrenchment ..	128	66	53	75
Replaced by re-instated serviceman, relieving worker only ..	17	12	9	8
Shortage of materials ..	87	11	12	75
Seasonal work and weather conditions	299	333	207	92
Casual work.. .. ..	214	130	115	99
Discharged or laid-off for other reasons .. .. ..	139	32	40	99
Quitted because work too heavy, medically unfit, etc. ..	149	128	108	41
Quitted for other reasons..	61	50	56	5
Not previously employed ..	51	32	29	22
<b>Total</b> .. ..	<b>1,173</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>525</b>

The following statement shows, for each district, (i) the numbers of persons drawing benefit in the months with the seasonal peak of unemployment in 1946-47 and 1948-49, (ii) the numbers in June, 1948, and May and June, 1949, and (iii) the decrease from June, 1948, to June, 1949.

<u>District.</u>	<u>(i) Seasonal Peak of Unemployment.</u>				<u>(ii) Month of -</u>			<u>(iii) Decrease, June, 1948, to June, 1949.</u>
	<u>1946-47.</u>	<u>1948-49.</u>	<u>Month.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>June, 1948.</u>	<u>May, 1949.</u>	<u>June, 1949.</u>	
Brisbane ..	Feb.	2,065	Dec.	320	310	152	162	148
Ipswich ..	Dec.	190	Jan.	28	36	4	8	28
Gympie ..	Feb.	30	Nov.	10	10	5	8	2
Maryborough	Jan.	221	Dec.	93	65	34	33	32
Bundaberg..	Jan.	596	Mar.	155	171	173	177	6 <sup>a</sup>
Toowoomba..	Dec.	218	Dec.	57	62	26	22	40
Charleville	Dec.	75	Dec.	27	9	3	4	5
Rockhampton	Jan.	1,472	Jan.	400	140	42	30	110
Longreach..	Dec.	117	Dec.	42	19	5	5	14
Mackay ..	Mar.	861	Mar.	342	218	172	97	121
Townsville	Mar.	1,480	Mar.	707	96	97	63	33
Innisfail..	Mar.	368	Mar.	169	16	56	11	5
Cairns ..	Mar.	599	Feb.	164	12	29	19	7
Atherton ..	Mar.	78	Feb.	34	9	13	9	-
<b>Total State</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>7,592</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>525</b>

a Increase.

Compared with May, the most noteworthy district changes were decreases in Mackay, 75 (44 per cent.), Innisfail, 45 (80 per cent.), and Townsville, 34 (35 per cent.).

S. E. SOLOMON,

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Table No. 1 - Persons Receiving Unemployment Benefit, Queensland, June, 1949.

## Districts and Causes of Unemployment.

District.	Discharged or Laid-Off.												Quitted.		Total.
	Medical unfitness for particular type of work, work too heavy, etc.						Inefficiency, incompetence.						Not previously employed.		
Brisbane ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	162
Ipswich ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Moreton ..	10	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Gympie ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Maryborough ..	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33
Bundaberg ..	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177
S.E. Coastal	1	10	3	3	3	3	89	49	49	6	26	22	9	218	19
Toowoomba ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22
Charleville ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
Downs & S.W.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	2	1	8	3	1	26	2
Rockhampton ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	4	4	6	3	1	30	
Longreach ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Central ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	5	4	4	7	3	1	35	3
Mackay ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	16	12	5	10	6	2	97	
Townsville ..	15	16	1	1	1	1	16	12	1	5	7	3	2	63	
Innisfail ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	2	1	1	1	11	
Cairns ..	2	9	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	2	1	1	1	19	
Atherton ..	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	9	
Northern ..	4	3	20	1	3	90	32	11	18	12	5	5	5	199	10
Total State	5	14	53	9	12	207	115	40	108	56	29	648	6	Per 10,000 population.	

Table No. 2 - Persons Receiving Unemployment Benefit, Queensland, June, 1949.

### Districts and Industries.